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Bruce Rogers  
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve  
Mile 106.8 Richardson Highway, P.O. Box 439  
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Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Nabesna Off-Road Vehicle Management, EPA Project #09-021-NPS.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Nabesna Off-Road Vehicle Management in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Our review was conducted in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

We commend the National Park Service for a thorough evaluation of the alternatives and believe the new alternative, Alternative 6, is very responsive to comments submitted by concerned parties and strikes a good balance between protection and the needs of the various user groups. We also appreciate the efforts that were undertaken to fully respond to comments and to identify the changes in the document from the draft to final EIS.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact me at (206) 553-1601 or by electronic mail at [reichgott.christine@epa.gov](mailto:reichgott.christine@epa.gov), or you may contact Jennifer Curtis of my staff in Anchorage at (907) 271-6324 or [curtis.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:curtis.jennifer@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine B. Reichgott".

Christine B. Reichgott, Manager  
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